

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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18AP64

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification: This report describes the findings of excavations by Archaeology in Annapolis (AIA) from 1990-1992 at the Maynard-Burgess House (18AP64) in Annapolis. AIA initially became involved in archeology at the Maynard-Burgess House as an outgrowth of preservationists' discussions about the origins and dating of the house. Initial architectural evaluations of the property suggested an 18th century origin for the building. Subsequent historical research for the Port of Annapolis (the property owners) indicated that the property was first occupied in the mid 19th century. AIA was invited by the property owners to test the site beginning in the fall of 1990, with the expectation that archeological data could help resolve the uncertainties that the building presented. The AIA consortium's work is largely publically funded both through state funds (the University of Maryland) and grants from the City of Annapolis.
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Project Objectives:
Phase I & II -Determine if the site has horizontal and/or vertical integrity. -Determine basic details about the historic occupation of the site.
Phase III -Interpret the functional layout of the yard by identifying areas which had been used for distinct activities by any or all of the households which had occupied the property (e.g., an outdoor kitchen, privies, chicken pens, unattached structures, etc.). -Document the extent and timing of major alterations to the yard area. -Excavate the house cellar to establish a conclusive chronology of occupation and locate any other features beneath the house (i.e. locate any evidence of earlier occupations). -Elaborate and enhance the history of African-American families/communities in Annapolis, particularly free African American households. -Examine how African-Americans participated in the "consumer culture" which emerged in America between about 1880 and 1930.

Research Potential:

The extensive work at 18AP64 resulted in the excavation and documentation of the vast majority of the site. Nonetheless, there may still be potential to examine the history of the Maynard-Burgess House through archeology. Specifically, if the rear addition to the original structure should ever be removed, it would present an opportunity for more thorough investigation of the work surfaces and construction episodes beneath it. Additionally, excavation at 143 Market Street could provide additional information related to the household and may contain outbuilding features associated with the Maynard family and 18AP64. The site should be continued significant for research purposes.